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BENZOPORPHYRIN DERIVATIVE MONO-
AND DI-ACID BY LASER-INDUCED
FLUORESCENCE CAPILLARY
ELECTROPHORESIS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated February 11, 2004, for which a response is due on May 11, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.